

In the Garden

I come to the garden alone While the dew is still on the roses And the voice I hear falling on my ear The Son of God discloses.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice, Is so sweet the birds hush their singing, And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing.

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.

Refrain

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

Words: Charles Austin Miles (1912)

Church Events

- September 23rd, Thursday 6:30pm –
 Church Board Meeting
- September 25th, Saturday 10:00am 2:00pm – Indy District Ladies Day at Shepherd Community with Speaker Dr. Carla Sunberg – Virtual/Zoom Event
- October 2nd, Saturday Car & Craft Show Fundraiser for R!OT Youth
- October 30th, Saturday from 5:00pm –
 7:00pm Trunk or Treat (Decorate vehicles, dress up, pass out treats)
- October 31st, Sunday 5:00pm R!OT Youth Harvest Party
- November 4th, Thursday 6:30pm –
 Rescheduled Board Review with Dr. Blake
- November 21st, Sunday Thanksgiving Service – Divinity Trio Concert

Isaíah 40:31 NIV

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Praises:

- Praise the Lord for a wonderful Back to Church Sunday and Tailgate Party! So thankful for the Lord's presence during our service and the fun fellowship afterwards as we partook of each other's dishes. We appreciate Dave and Dana Metcalf for organizing this event, as well as those who helped with grilling and parking cars. We believe we had around 100 people who stayed for the lunch!
- Praise the Lord for the visitors who came for our Back to Church Sunday! It was great to hear one say, "I really enjoyed this. I will be back!" Another person said, "We really liked the service. Everyone is friendly. We will see you next week!" Praise the Lord! Let's say a prayer for these new people.



Prayer Needs:

- Please pray for the unsaved and pray to be a good witness to them.
- Please pray for the Alabaster Offering this coming Sunday. May our giving help to spread the Good News all over the world.
- Please pray for our country to turn away from their sinful ways and return to the Lord.
- For personal prayer needs, please see emailed and mailed versions of the church newsletter.

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In case you haven't yet sent in your 23 Project donation this month, here is your friendly reminder to do so! Thanks for supporting our R!OT Youth!! (You can send in a check, put one in the offering box, donate via the Giving tab of www.swnazarene.org, or via the mobile app (see info - left of this box).

R!OT Youth Fundraisers:

Do you know someone with a cool or interesting car/vehicle? Do you know someone who has a craft business that would like to sell their items at our 3rd Annual Car & Craft Show? Please have them reach out to Dana Metcalf at 317-502-9314. You can also use the QR codes to get more information. These fundraisers benefit R!OT Youth!





ALL MONEY RAISED WILL SUPPORT OUR RIOT YOUTH MINISTRIES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Announcements

Alabaster Offering will be on Sunday,

September 26th. Let's get out those Alabaster boxes and jars and start collecting coins and dollars, or you can write a check or give directly online

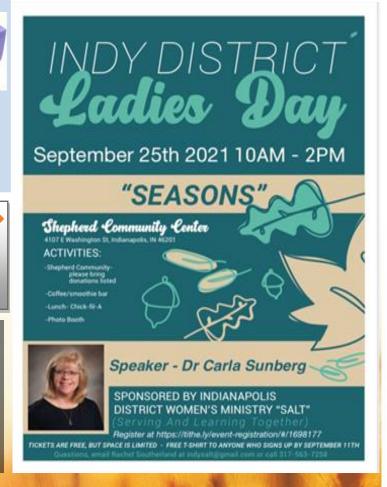
at www.swnazarene.org under the Giving tab. Be in prayer for what to give for this special ministry. Alabaster funds

are used to help build churches, schools, hospitals, and cover building costs and other needs in areas worldwide! Help spread the Good News with your donation from the heart!

Join us for a virtual/Zoom meeting version of the Indianapolis District Ladies Day on Sept. 25th. You can still register to "attend" at https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/1698177. You'll be emailed a link to attend via the Zoom app on your device or your computer.

REVIVAL NEWS: We have had to cancel our Revival Services due to our evangelist getting COVID. We hope to have a special Sunday with a Revival Emphasis in November - Lord willing! Thanks for understanding. Rev. Richmond is feeling poorly and would appreciate any prayers for his recovery.

Reminder: Church Board Meeting Thursday, September 23rd at 6:30pm



October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

With Pastor Appreciation Month coming up next month, we wanted to take the opportunity to share with you a list of *Over 50 Creative Ways to Bless your Pastor*! We are blessed with a pastor who loves God and the church. Pastor Scott does so much for the church, and each and every one of us appreciate both him and Cindy! Take a look at some of the provided suggestions on how we can bless them and show them how much we value and appreciate their ministry and dedication!

Also, we'll be taking up a donation to give them. If you'd like to participate, please mark your envelope "Pastor Appreciation" and place it in the offering box over the next few weeks. Thanks!



Make sure that you show your deep appreciation for those who cherish you and diligently work as ministers among you.

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FAITHFULLY PRAY

The best way to help your pastor is to faithfully and regularly pray for:

- · Intimacy with God
- · Marital love and unity
- · Spiritual protection
- Divine guidance
- Emotional and physical well-being
- · Parenting skills
- · Genuine friendships
- Financial provisions
- Daily wisdom
- · Personal encouragement
- · Helpful mentors
- · Effective ministry
- · Time management
- Quality study and prayer times
- · Helpful training and books
- · Leadership skills

FONDNESS

- Let the pastor know how God is specifically using them to bless, help and teach you to follow God.
- Remember your pastor's birthday and anniversary with a card, gift or social media post.
- Show appreciation for your pastor's strengths and give grace in their weaknesses.

FREEDOM

- Give your pastor's spouse the freedom to be themselves and to find their own niche at the church.
- Let your pastor's children "be kids," care about them, and pray for them.

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUN

- Prepare a meal or baked goods for them (ask about favorite meals or certain foods to avoid).
- Give your pastor a gift card for restaurants, fast food or coffee shops.

- Give your pastor food from your garden, orchard, hunting or fishing trips.
- Invite your pastor and family to your home or a restaurant for a meal.
- Invite your pastor and family to go fishing, sailing, camping, hunting, to the gym, concerts, plays or sporting events. Offer to cover some or all of the costs.
- Offer your pastor's family sports, concert or event tickets.
- If you have a vacation home, timeshare, recreational vehicle or camping gear, offer to let your pastor use it.
- Share frequent flyer miles that can be used for conferences, vacation, mission trips or holiday travel.
- Offer your pastor the use of your dependable vehicle, SUV or minivan for a holiday family trip or vacation.

FREELY SHARE

Share your skills and time to help with any of the following items:

- Babysitting
- · Auto maintenance and repair
- Home repairs, maintenance and projects
- Decorating, painting and wallpapering
- Haircuts and beauty treatments
- Medical, dental and chiropractic care
- Lawn and garden upkeep
- Legal, estate and financial services
- Tutoring or lessons for children

If needed, communicate in advance if there are any out-of-pocket costs the pastor will need to cover (e.g., parts for a car repair or materials for home repair).

FINANCES

Faithfully give to your church, so your pastor can be properly compensated. Beyond the pastor's church salary, the Lord may prompt certain individuals to provide personal funding to help with any of the following items:

- Bless Your Pastor offering
- Marriage conference or retreat costs
- · Christian camp fees
- Back to school fees, clothing or supplies
- Children's college tuition
- Mission trips
- · Lessons or tutoring
- Family or couple's vacation or getaway
- Pastor's conference, seminar or training
- · Seminary courses or sabbatical
- · Student loan debt
- · Retirement savings
- · Medical expenses

PAY IT FORWARD

Most people have heard about "paying it forward." Do you know you can also pay it forward by passing along possessions you no longer use or need? Possible items could include appliances, furniture, musical equipment, clothing, sports equipment or electronics. Ask if the items you may have available are actually needed and wanted by the pastor's family. Also, be sure they are in good condition and will not need costly repairs.

Note: Please be prepared to graciously allow your pastor to decline anything that you offer. Also note that most items mentioned here are not normally tax-deductible to the giver, but are to be given out of gratefulness to God for what he has given to you to Bless Your Pastor.